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HAVING ORIGINAL FLOW SCANNING FUNCTION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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For Item A, JPA 6-078147, English Abstract - Item AA;  
For Item B, JPA 9-135332, an English Abstract -Item BB;  
For Item C, JPA 63-208366, an English Abstract -Item CC;  
For Item D, JPA 2000-036908, an English Abstract -Item DD; and,  
For Item E, JPA 3-295357, an English Abstract -Item EE;
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10.  This document is accompanied by  a Search Report  Communication which was cited in a corresponding  PCT or  Foreign counterpart application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-378039).

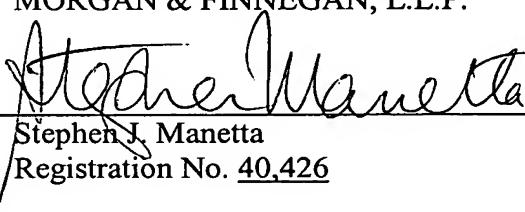
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	A	6-078147	03/18/1994	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	B	9-135332	05/20/1997	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	C	63-208366	08/29/1988	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	D	2000-036908	02/02/2000	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	E	3-295357	12/26/1991	Japan			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, etc.)</b>							
	AA	English Abstract for JPA 6-078147					
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	FF	Copy of Office Action dated April 27, 2004 issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2000-378039.					
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